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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 10, 2007, the period for reply having been extended to February 11, 2008, by the payment of the fee for a one-month extension of time submitted concurrently herewith (February 10 having fallen on a Sunday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.